

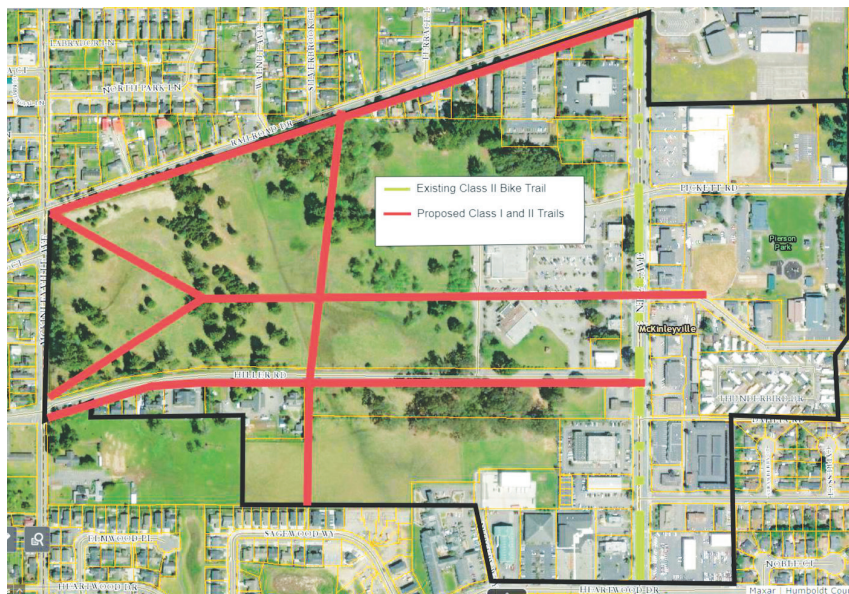
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## McKINLEYVILLE TOWN CENTER

The black line shows boundaries of the McKinleyville Town Center, located roughly between Railroad Drive and Heartwood Drive, and between McKinleyville Avenue and Pierson Park. Red lines are proposed trails. VIA HUMBOLDT COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT



## McK Town Center draft mulled

**Jack Durham**  
MAD RIVER UNION

McKINLEYVILLE – After all of the impassioned input, creative brainstorming and grand visioning of how the McKinleyville Town Center could be developed, the community now has a draft ordinance which lays out the rules for future development in the heart of town.

The “McKinleyville Town Center Q Zone,” a 27-page document created after four years of meetings, will be reviewed by the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) at a special meet-

ing today, Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. at Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd. in McKinleyville.

The meeting will also be on Zoom. Visit [humboldt.gov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committ](http://humboldt.gov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committ) for a link. The meeting ID is 844 4994 7337 and the passcode is 043757.

The draft ordinance lays out the development rules for the Town Center, which is located roughly between Railroad Drive and Heartwood Drive, and between McKinleyville Avenue and Pierson Park.

**Q ZONE ❖ PAGE 4**

## Humboldt tweaks vacay rental ordinance

**Daniel Mintz**  
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County has updated its draft vacation rental ordinance, which now makes a distinction between hosted and unhosted rentals, and rural and urban areas.

As explained in a Sept. 6

online meeting on the new version, one of the changes is different standards for Short Term Rentals (STRs) that are hosted, meaning having an owner or caretaker living onsite when a portion of a home is an STR.

Hosted STRs will be permitted under a basic staff

review process if they meet standards.

Those include having two-way road access and providing one off-street parking space per rented bedroom.

If exceptions to the standards are requested, a special permit process kicks in. That includes notifying nearby neighbors and, if comments call for it, public hearings.

Some standards only apply to unhosted rentals, including a five-parcel STR limit per person or business and a “neighborhood concentration” limit where STRs will not exceed 10 percent of housing units on an access road.

A cap on total number of unhosted STRs is also in the works and applies to unincorporated inland ar-

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**BACK TOGETHER** The Arcata High School Class of '73, reputed to be the most intelligent and beautiful of all graduating classes, held their 50-year reunion at Baywood Golf & Country Club Saturday. PHOTO VIA THE TWO-TERRY TEAM: DOLF & FINIGAN



## APD Chief Brian Ahearn to retire

### APD staffing on rebound

**Kevin L. Hoover**  
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Staffing is up at the officer-starved Arcata Police Department (APD), where fresh officers are on patrol, with more in the pipeline. But the department is soon to lose one key cop – Police Chief Brian Ahearn.

The department had been almost 38 percent short of sworn officers, with just 18 of 29 positions filled and one more about to depart. The staffing shortage reflects a situation facing police departments nationally.

“Our entire profession is really struggling with keeping people in uniform,” Ahearn said.

Thence ensued an aggressive recruitment and retention campaign by the city, with APD officers traveling to regional police academies to extol the benefits of working in Arcata. Those benefits includ-

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**Brian Ahearn**

## 3 dead in suspected McK murder-suicide

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McKINLEYVILLE – The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office is investigating what appears to be a triple murder-suicide that left three people in McKinleyville dead.

On Sept. 5 Sheriff's investigators went to a home on the 1400 block of Marty Avenue after a resident missed an appointment and couldn't be reached. Three deceased individuals were found inside.

Sheriff's investigators learned that the decedents were relatives by marriage and were living together. The three are believed to have been deceased for several weeks before being discovered. This case is being investigated as a murder/suicide., with no outstanding suspects

The decedents are described as an 81-year-old white male, a 58-year-old white male and a 62-year-old white female.

September is Suicide Prevention Month, with events scheduled (see page 2).

- Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 988, press 1 for Veterans. Ayuda en Español: 988.
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**HABERDASHERY HAPPENINGS** Humboldt Haberdashery is excited to announce the celebration of their one-year anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 16. The anniversary celebration will be held in conjunction with the North Country Fair on Sept. 16 and 17. The store open at 10 a.m. and will have tables set up out front of the store with drop-in children's crafts. There will also be a pop-up featuring local fiber/fashion artist Shelly Lima and her collection of stylish upcycle garments. Owner Amy Fowler will give hatmaking and repair demonstrations through the weekend, and there will be a sale on vintage fabrics and sewing patterns. Humboldt Haberdashery is located at 959 H St. in Arcata and is open Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. The store provides a large selection of creative items including sewing and costuming supplies, vintage fabrics, yarn, patterns and trims as well as new and vintage hats and millinery. Amy also provides hat cleaning and repair services. The store contains a large classroom space that is available for private events and hosted crafting parties. [info@humboldthaberdashery.com](mailto:info@humboldthaberdashery.com)

**DAY FOR KIDS** The Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods is hosting a Day for Kids on Saturday, Sept. 16 from noon to 4 p.m. This is a free community event at the Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods Teen Center, located under the water tower off Harris in Eureka. There will be free food, face painting, mini-golf, a DJ, a bouncy house and a visit from Humboldt Bay Fire and the Eureka Police Department. See the CalFresh smoothie bike and a Hot Wheels demonstration with tracks and hot wheel races. Tabling the event will be the Raven Project, the Youth Services Bureau and Sorrel Leaf Healing Center. Children under 11 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

**NEW HEART AWANA CLUBS** The New Heart Community Church Awana Clubs start their regular weekly meetings at 1490 Murray Road, McKinleyville, California every Thursday night starting Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m. when public schools are in session. This program features a small group Bible-based handbook time, a large group devotion or Gospel time and a Game time, all with age-appropriate groups of kids from pre-school to high school. It is free but donations are accepted. Closed-toed shoes are required for games. Please observe COVID precautions. For more information, visit [newheart.club](http://newheart.club). [office@newheart.club](mailto:office@newheart.club) or (707) 839-8015.

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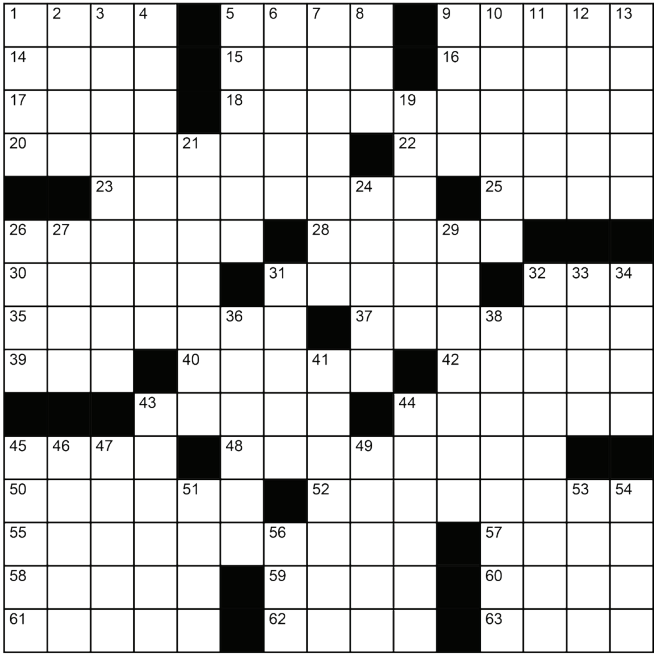
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Monday, Sept. 4	00.00	40.91	26.37	39.77
Tuesday, Sept. 5	00.00	40.91	26.39	39.78
Wednesday, Sept. 6	00.00	40.91	26.39	39.79
Thursday, Sept. 7	00.00	40.91	26.39	39.81
Friday, Sept. 8	00.00	40.91	26.39	39.82
Saturday, Sept. 9	00.00	40.91	26.39	39.84

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**The Weekly Crossword** by Margie E. Burke



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**ACROSS**

1 Spinning sound

5 SWAT operation

9 Put to shame

14 Top of the line

15 Shooter's need

16 Particular occasion

17 University mil. group

18 Toy weapon

20 Grade of silver

22 Gas guzzler

23 Cupid, for one

25 Decorates a cake

26 Blazing

28 Superman from '78

30 Fighting mad

31 Its flag has two green stars

32 Equinox mo.

35 Pass on, formally

37 Slant

39 Meet with

40 Use a divining rod

42 Indianapolis team

43 Ruckus

44 NYPD descriptor

45 Legal rights org.

48 Artist's sketches

50 Monty Python member

52 Skillfully evade

55 "The Twilight Zone" host

57 Lifted and threw

58 Philly footballer

59 Barely beat

60 Change for a five

61 Knitter's purchase

62 Lab procedure

63 Cover at a KOA

**DOWN**

1 The "W" in V.F.W.

2 Laugh-a-minute

3 Weave

4 Craft anew

5 Forcible seizure

6 Make changes to

7 Mental pictures

8 Old PC platform

9 Unknown author

10 Wahlberg film, "\_\_\_ Nights"

11 Prank

12 Film part

13 "\_\_\_ Johnny!"

19 Legalese word

21 Citrus drink

24 Chill-inducing

26 Helpers

27 Priceless?

29 Salk discovery

31 Waste conduit

32 Landmark event

33 Kitchen invaders

36 Sabbath activity

38 Welding alloy

38 It has a big payoff

41 Like many resorts

43 Swiss granola

44 Act antsy

45 60's sitcom, "Green \_\_\_"

46 Dagger's partner

47 Narrow shelf

49 Tim Daly series

51 Witnessed

53 Word before keel or break

54 Termite, e.g.

56 Say okay

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## Scammers swindle thousands from victim

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office has recently received the report of a computer scam leading to the theft of thousands of dollars from a local victim.

According to the victim, an anti-virus pop-up notification appeared on their home computer informing the victim that the computer had been hacked and sensitive information was at risk. The notification directed the victim to contact "Windows Defender" in order to secure the computer. The victim contacted the number and allowed remote access to the computer after being told that the scammer needed to "run a diagnostic." The scammer then went on to tell the victim that several bank accounts had been opened and charged under the victim's name and even reportedly transferred the victim to another scammer pretending to be the bank.

The victim was instructed to send nearly \$70,000 in cash wrapped in magazines in the mail to various locations on the East Coast to settle the accounts. After sending the money to the scammers, the victim then reportedly received a phone call claiming to be from the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, spoofing the Sheriff's Office phone number on caller ID, and later another claiming to be from the FBI Fortuna Field Office, also spoofing the agency's phone number. Both callers again demanded more money, at which time the victim hung up and notified law enforcement.

This appears to be a sophisticated, large-scale online scam with many suspects involved. Scammers prey on fear and will pressure their victims to act immediately rather than stopping and evaluating the situation. If you receive unsolicited contact from someone or an organization you do not recognize, whether it be online, on the phone or even by mail, take pause and talk it through with someone you trust. Even a quick Google search of the situation can often be helpful to determine if it is a scam.

No government agency or banking institution will ask you to mail large sums of cash or pay fines with gift cards or pre-paid money cards. Additionally, while law enforcement may contact you regarding a warrant or investigation, we will never demand payment in exchange for dropping a warrant or stopping an investigation.

Scammers often pretend to be someone you trust, like a government official, a family member, a charity or a company with which you do business. Don't send money or give out personal information in response to an unexpected request – whether it comes as a text, a phone call or an email.

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## Suicide Prevention Month events slated

**HUMBOLDT DHHS**

HUMBOLDT – September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Humboldt County, and the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) is partnering with community groups to bring attention to suicide prevention efforts through events and trainings.

This year across California, Take Action for Mental Health: California's Mental Health Movement, is encouraging a special focus to "Share Hope Together."

The theme reflects the importance, value and power of the act of sharing hope, stories, time, resources and experiences which can serve as a powerful tool in suicide prevention.

By sharing hope with one another and throughout our communities, we can support and help connect individuals to resources – allowing us to take action for suicide prevention together, according to the statewide suicide prevention campaign, Know the Signs.

In an effort to create opportunities to share hope, the Humboldt County Suicide Prevention Network and community partners across the county are offering virtual events and resources during the month of September and throughout the year.

On Friday, Sept. 15, Holding Space: for Suicide Prevention & Awareness, will take in the Garberville Town Square from 5 to 7 p.m. This community event will include live music, food, art and community referrals to resources.

This fall, there will be two opportunities to learn the basics of suicide prevention. On Tuesday, Sept. 21, DHHS-Public Health will deliver a virtual Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention training from 10 to 11 a.m.

A second session will be available on Tuesday, Oct. 24 from 10 to 11 a.m. Visit [bit.ly/QPR-Humboldt](https://bit.ly/QPR-Humboldt) to register for either.

Wondering what else you can do?

Talk to your employer about bringing a suicide prevention training to your workplace to teach suicide warning signs, like how to ask, "Are you thinking about suicide?" when someone is struggling. Learn more by visiting DHHS Public Health's Training and Education page: [humboldt.gov.org/2074/Trainings-and-Education](http://humboldt.gov.org/2074/Trainings-and-Education)

Join the Humboldt County Suicide Prevention Network (SPN) or sign-up for the Suicide Prevention Network email list to broaden your network.


The SPN meets bi-monthly via Zoom and all are welcome. Email [humboldtspn@gmail.com](mailto:humboldtspn@gmail.com) for more information.

If you are concerned for yourself or someone else, know you are not alone, we can all play a role in preventing suicide, and help is available. Contact any of the following 24-hour hotlines:

Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 988, press 1 for Veterans. Ayuda en Español: 988. Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741

Call the 24-hr Behavioral Health Crisis Line at (707) 445-7715 or toll-free (888) 849-5728.

Additional support can be found by exploring an expanded list of resources, visit [humboldt.gov.org/DocumentCenter/View/112579/Suicide-and-Violence-Prevention-Resources-for-Providers-PDF](http://humboldt.gov.org/DocumentCenter/View/112579/Suicide-and-Violence-Prevention-Resources-for-Providers-PDF) for suicide and violence prevention resources.



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**MAKERS' SPACE** The McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce welcomed Sea Goat Farmstand's Makers' Space with a ribbon cutting Sept. 2. Abbey of the Redwoods' Sea Goat Farmstand is a small urban micro-farm in the heart of McKinleyville. The weekly farmstand features a small CSA program and an online store offering produce, local seafood, bread, eggs and other local artisan goods. **MATT FILAR | UNION**

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❖ MCKINLEYVILLE

Measure B assessment hike proposal heard

**MCKINLEYVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**  
MCKINLEYVILLE – In 2010, the McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors initiated proceedings to reestablish a special benefit assessment district within the CSD designated as the McKinleyville Community Services District Measure B Maintenance Assessment District – Renewal for Parks, Open Space and Recreational Facilities.

It was formed for the purpose of providing and continuing a stable revenue source, coupled with available grants and donations from other sources, to fund the ongoing operation, maintenance, expansion, enhancement, construction, renovation and rehabilitation of the MCSD parks and recreational improvements including parks, wilderness parklands, open space, trails, sports facilities, recreation and activity centers and facilities.

The Board of Directors proposed to form (reestablish) the Measure B Maintenance Assessment District – Renewal for Parks, Open Space, and Recreational Facilities (“District”), and to levy and collect annual assessments on the county tax rolls to fund in whole or in part the improvements including related debt service on bonds that may be issued or loan agreements to finance the authorized improvements.

For the past several years, the district revenue collections have been insufficient to cover the operational and maintenance costs for the improvements maintained by the CSD, such that the district is carrying a negative fund balance.

Therefore, the CSD has proposed an increased assessment, and the addition of an annual inflationary adjustment to the maximum rate. The proposed new assessment will fund:

- Maintaining the building housing the Sheriff’s Facility in McKinleyville
- Keeping park restrooms open and clean
- Keeping the Senior Center open and maintained
- Maintaining Azalea Hall, the Library, our Teen & Community Center and Activity Center
- Maintaining playfields and playgrounds in all parks
- Other community services

On Sept. 6, 2023 the board adopted Resolution 2023-18 which authorizes the preparation of the Engineer’s Report for the establishment of the increased assessment; and Resolution 2022-19 which accepts the Engineering Report, sets the date for the public hearing, and authorized balloting on the measure.

The Engineer’s Report anticipates that Measure B collections from the existing 5,738 taxable parcels in the assessment district that benefit from the improvements, and based on a proposed assessment rate of \$94 per equivalent benefit unit year, the assessment revenue to be levied and collected on the tax rolls will be approximately \$701,660. This assessment revenue represents approximately 26 percent of the total estimated \$2,745,010 budgeted for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 to fund the operation and maintenance of MCSD’s parks and recreation facilities. The District will use grants and other funding sources to pay for the remainder of this budget. A more detailed description can be found in the Engineer’s Report, which is on file with the district and available for public inspection.

On Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023 at 6 p.m., the Board of Directors of the McKinleyville Community Services District will hold a public hearing on the assessment at Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville.

The meeting will also be on Zoom. The Zoom ID is 859 4543 6653 or you can call 1 (888) 788-0099. For questions, contact Pat Kaspari at (707) 839-3251.

APD | Staffed

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ed juicy cash bonuses for signing on, and for staying.

New graduates were offered a \$3,000 signing bonus, while lateral transfers from other California departments were offered a whopping \$50,000 paid out over two-and-a-half years. That, Ahearn said, is the second-highest bonus offered in the state, exceeded only by Alameda PD’s \$75,000.

Current officers, weren’t forgotten, gaining an additional \$22,500 in retention bonuses paid over two-and-a-half years.

All the effort and expense brought results, with a host of new officers (including one who transferred away and came back) wearing APD uniforms, or soon to do so.

“We have 22 on board now, fully or in training, and two more on the cusp of joining as we do background checks,” Ahearn said. Four more aspiring officers destined for APD are now in police academy. They’ll undergo field training and be able to hit the streets solo in April.

The always-humble Ahearn credits his City of Arcata colleagues for the upturn in his department’s fortunes, thanking the City Council and City Manager Karen Diemer for their direction and resources.

“I’ve just been very honored to work alongside the women and men of the Arcata Police Department, or City Council, our city manager, all of our department directors, really all the staff throughout the city. We’ve made so much progress,” he said. “Arcata was and continues to be a safe city. There’s lot of be proud of.”

With the department stabilized, Ahearn sees an opportunity to hand off his duties to a successor and return to San Diego County. He’s been living apart from Jacqueline, his wife of 38 years, during his time serving Arcata.

“I have to get back home to my family,” he said. “They have been my rock my entire career.”

“I feel like it’s the right time to bring in some new leadership and continue to move APD on an upward trajectory.”

Ahearn came on board in November, 2018 following the resignation of Chief Tom Chapman. At that time, APD was a troubled organization, widely criticized for the botched investigation into the killing of Humboldt State student David Josiah Lawson, which remains unsolved.

Ahearn led the reform of APD, implementing a host of improvement, 36 of them suggested by the National Police Foundation.

Now, he said, “APD is top notch. I’d put us at the top of small, rural agencies anywhere in California.”

Ahearn formally departs October 18, but will first take some built-up vacation time. APD veteran Lt. Bart Silvers is serving as acting chief for now.

“There’s a great buzz downstairs and a lot of excitement for the type of policing that is here in Arcata,” Diemer told the council last week. “I think that buzz is because the chief is leaving” Ahearn joked.

“I had a wonderful time in Arcata,” he said. “It’s a beautiful community, very supportive of the police department.”

Effervesced Ahearn, “We’re back, we’re better than ever and we have the people to keep it going.”

Companionable Buddy, Malinois pups Meg & Raymond

Are you enjoying the last days of summer? The autumnal equinox is coming up on Saturday, September 22. There are so many things happening in Arcata and environs over the next few weekends!

We were invited to three adoption events for this Saturday, which is a little more than we can pull off. However, we are planning on being at Coldwell Banker’s adoption fest on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They are located at 10th and G streets in Arcata, right off of the Plaza and conveniently located to anyone going to the North Country Fair. Stop on by and see who we’ve brought along!

If downtown Arcata is too crazy for you on the fair weekend, stop by Arcata Tractor Supply (also on Saturday) and see a different selection of our dogs. We’ve got some very social pups that are waiting to meet you!

Back at the shelter, our intrepid volunteers are still treating the dogs to off-site outings.

This week’s lucky recipient was Buddy, a six-year-old mixed-breed boy. Buddy came to the shelter with quite a wound to his neck that had clearly been created by an embedded collar. We try not to make up backstories for the dogs as those tend to color how people view the dogs, but in this case we know he must have had a bit of a hard life before coming to the safety of the shelter.

The most commonly used adjective for Buddy seems to be affectionate. I think he is very happy for the attention he gets from volunteers and returns it three-fold. On his recent outing to the Hammond Trail, Buddy demonstrated that he can load up and ride calmly in the car and that he is unfazed by bicy-

cles and joggers passing on the trail. He really enjoys getting to sniff all of the new smells!

At the beach he was happy to wade in the water and get his feet wet. In the shelter’s play yard, Buddy has demonstrated a good grasp of fetch and has shown he knows some obedience skills as well. We have one nice volunteer who has been washing the dogs as needed, and Buddy has been a good sport in the bathtub.

Buddy is learning that all of the people he encounters now are good to him and that seems to really make him happy! He’d love to have his very own best friend to take him home and love him. If you’ve been waiting for the dog that will look at you adoringly with big soulful eyes, come meet Buddy today!

Some of the pups that show up at the shelter seem to be the last of bigger litters. These two beautiful dogs might fit into that category.



Meg and Raymond are estimated to be around 7 months old. They definitely appear to have some Malinois in their heritage but they are also quite calm (not necessarily a characteristic of that breed) and they have gorgeous longer silky hair.



These two are gentle pups and are already doing well walking on the leash. They love to be petted – not a problem with those lovely coats – and come in close to be leashed up. On the walk they like to meander but do not pull. They have very sweet faces; anyone who adopts one of these two will hear frequent exclamations of how attractive they are. They are attentive and at a great age to learn anything that their handler might ask for.

Though they are kenneled together to conserve space, these pups will each do just fine on their own in their new homes. If they are not adopted by the weekend, they will most likely be making an appearance at one of the adoption events. Currently Meg weighs in at 36 pounds and Raymond at 45 with a little growing yet to do.

These dogs and their friends are available at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter. All adoptable dogs are spayed or neutered, current on vaccinations, microchipped, and tested for heartworm. Please call (707) 840-9132 to make an appointment to meet them or go to 24PetConnect.com to see all of the available dogs and cats.

STRs | Cap numbers in flux

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eas between Rio Dell and Trinidad.

Vacation rentals on agriculture-zoned parcels must be “farm stays” that have education and participation in farm activities.

The ordinance is still in flux, with the county attempting to be responsive to comments from STR owners.

During a workshop on the ordinance last June, many STR owners were wary of the ordinance and warned against making permitting too cumbersome.

The county has listened and when a question was asked about permit pricing at last week’s meeting, County Planner Keenan Hilton said it will depend upon whether a special permit is needed.

A far less costly administrative permit process will be

for hosted and unhosted STRs that meet the ordinance’s standards. But Planning Director John Ford thought of a way to make things even simpler for the hosted units.

“One of things that struck me as I was listening tonight is looking to do the hosted STRs through a Zoning Clearance Certificate,” he said, referring to a “very minor” process that involves minimal staff review.

“We’re very much thinking this through and every time you all have questions and comments it helps us see things in a little different light,” Ford continued.

Later, Hilton said the price of a special permit is \$1,600, a one-time cost.

On the cap for unhosted units, Keenan said the total limit at this point is two percent of the housing stock in

the Rio Dell to Trinidad area.

It’s one of the policies that drew some questioning in an otherwise less contentious meeting than previous ones.

Responding to a question on specific numbers relative to the cap, Hilton said they’re still in the process of being firmed up.

But he estimated there are about 17,000 housing units in the area so a two percent cap would be 346 STRs.

The number of existing STRs in the area is still being calculated, he continued, and will be presented when the county’s Planning Commission holds a workshop on the ordinance on Sept. 21.

He said the total number of STRs in the unincorporated county area is “somewhere in the ballpark” of 800.

There’s concern about the prospect of limiting STR approvals. “It sounds like there’s gonna be less permits than the available (STRs) out

there – in other words, people are gonna miss out,” said STR owner Zach Stanton.

Ford warned against making assumptions. “Zach, we’re not ready to say that,” he said.

Hosted STRs won’t be included in the cap and Ford said it’s still not known how many existing vacation rentals have onsite hosts. Still, the cap is one of the draft ordinance’s most debated issues.

Other provisions of the draft ordinance include not allowing alternative owner-builder units if they’re unhosted. Accessory dwelling units approved after January 1, 2020 aren’t allowed as STRs.

The meeting included a timeline on the ordinance.

Following the Planning Commission’s workshop later this month, commission and Board of Supervisors hearings will be held through this fall into the winter.

Q Zone | Mixed-use multi-story buildings

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‘Multi-modal connectivity’

“The McKinleyville Town Center Q-Zone is intended to conform to the McKinleyville Community Plan which creates a unique community center characterized by development emphasizing multi-modal connectivity (pedestrian, bicycle, and public transit), public meeting and gathering spaces, open space and wetland preservation with a full range of mixed use commercial, office, civic and high-density residential uses,” states the draft ordinance.

The largest undeveloped area is located behind the McKinleyville Shopping Center and just south of Hiller Road. Life Plan Humboldt has purchased the property south of Hiller Road and intends to build a senior housing campus.

Mixed use, building heights

The ordinance calls for most of the Town Center to be zoned for mixed use, which would allow multi-story buildings, with commercial enterprises on the first floor and residential units above.

The ordinance prohibits “big box” stores, which means that large buildings that are typically occupied by stores such as Walmart would not be allowed. However, a business such as Walmart could occupy a smaller building. The ordinance also prohibits new drive-thrus.

The maximum building height is four stories. For mixed use commercial buildings, there are zero setbacks, meaning buildings can be constructed right up to the sidewalk.

Blank walls

The ordinance also addresses blank walls.

“Untreated blank walls more than 10’

in length adjacent to and visible from a street, parking lot, public park, common open space, or pedestrian pathway are prohibited,” states the ordinance. “Where a wall is visible from any of the above areas at least two of the following wall treatments shall be installed:

- Display windows;
- Landscape planting beds at least 5 feet wide or a raised planter bed at least 16 inches high and 3 feet wide in front of the wall with planting materials that are sufficient to obscure or screen at least 50 percent of the wall’s surface within three years;
- A vertical trellis in front of the wall with climbing vines or plant materials;
- Painted mural(s); or
- Sculpture(s)”

Connectivity

“Pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and vehicular improvements are required components of the Town Center. The connections below shall be designed and constructed as part of development. Improvements shall be designed and constructed at the earliest practical stage of development or as specified below,” states the ordinance.

One of the key issues that has yet to be resolved is what to do with Central Avenue, which slices through the middle of the McKinleyville Town Center. One of the many ideas for Central Avenue is to reduce the number of lanes from two in each direction to one in each direction.

Members of the McKMAC have said they would like to see that option and others studied in the draft environmental impact report which will be prepared for the ordinance.

The Town Center would include several trails, including one running

near Railroad Drive between McKinleyville Avenue and Central Avenue, another along Hiller Road between McKinleyville Avenue and Central Avenue, and another straight through the middle of the Town Center, from Pierson Park to McKinleyville Avenue. The Mid-Town Trail, which runs north and south, would also be extended from Railroad Drive to south of Hiller Road.

Parking

The ordinance does away with parking requirements.

“There is no minimum off-street parking requirement for individual development within the Town Center,” the ordinance states. “Where no on site-parking is provided, parking shall be in a common parking lot established and maintained through formation of a parking district. The parking district shall be established prior to recordation of the first final map, or prior to the first permit issued for the parcel involved.”

If a developer decides to include a parking lot, there are landscaping and pathway requirements.

“Parking areas shall include a minimum 10-foot-wide planter around the perimeter of the parking area and contain trees and other plant materials capable of creating a visual buffer from the street and surrounding properties,” the ordinance states. “Pedestrian walkways shall be provided from existing or proposed public sidewalks to the customer entrance of all buildings on the site. Walkways shall connect pedestrians to transit stops, street crossings, store entry points, central features and community spaces on or adjoining the site. Landscaped areas shall be provided along the length of the sidewalk or walkway that include trees, shrubs, ground covers, or other such materials without obstructing the path of travel or creating protruding objects.”





# WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS STARTS AT ACV/AVELO

**COME FLY WITH THEM** New Avelo Airlines flights to and from Las Vegas were heralded Friday night with a ribbon cutting at the California Redwood Coast-Humboldt County Airport (ACV). The event featured music, food, beverages and even Bigfoot. Below, gracing the Vegas skyline were McKinleyville Chamber Executive Director Jesse Miles, Arcata City Councilmembers Alex Stillman, Meredith Matthews and Stacy Atkins-Salazar. PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION



## Avelo re-starts ACV/ Las Vegas flights

**AVELO AIRLINES**  
HUMBOLDT — Avelo Airlines takes off for Las Vegas today with its returning, exclusive nonstop service from California Redwood Coast-Humboldt County Airport (ACV). Las Vegas is the second destination that Avelo serves from ACV, joining Los Angeles.



This route to Las Vegas' Harry Reid International Airport (LAS) will operate twice weekly on Mondays and Fridays, utilizing Boeing Next Generation (NG) 737 aircraft. Avelo has also added extra flight dates surrounding the winter holidays. Very low, one-way fares start at \$39 if booked by Sept. 21. Customers can make reservations at [AveloAir.com](https://AveloAir.com).

Avelo Airlines Chairman and CEO Andrew Levy said, "We are excited to return exclusive nonstop service between the Humboldt Bay area and The Sports and Entertainment Capital of the World. Flying to Vegas — whether for a week-long vacation or a spontaneous weekend getaway — is now easier than ever. Our Eureka and Arcata customers told us they missed Avelo's convenient, low-fare access to Vegas, and we listened. Vegas has something for everyone and Avelo's affordability, convenience and reliability hits the jackpot for getting to this popular destination."

Avelo has quickly emerged as one of Humboldt County's most reliable airlines. Avelo ranks No. 1 for completion factor, meaning the airline cancels the least number of flights and Avelo ranks No. 2 year-to-date in the U.S. in on-time performance, making travel as simple, convenient and reliable as possible.

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In my last article I said that I would try to address eco-anxiety with a health practitioner in this issue. Sorry, but that will come next time.

Instead, these are the voices of people I met at the Aug. 26 Prairie Creek State Park Centennial who responded to these three questions with thoughtful feedback:

1. What does climate change mean to you?
2. Do you feel any anxiety over it?
3. If so, do you do anything that helps?

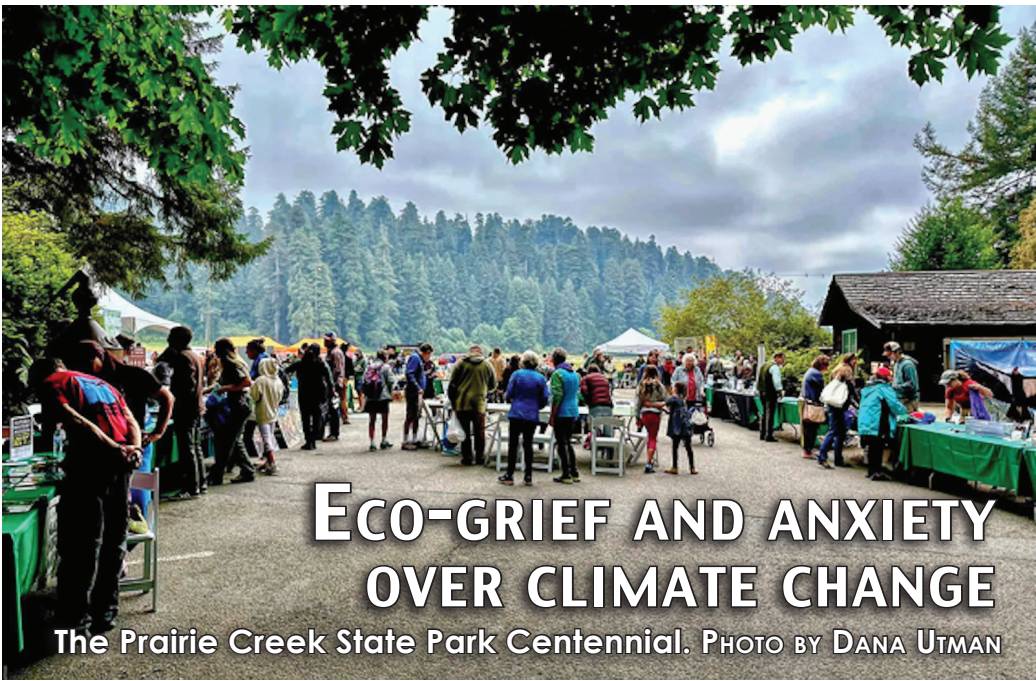
These are their words that I have not altered.

**Ashley**

My name is Ashley and I live in Humboldt County. Climate anxiety is something I only recently had a name for, but something I've been experiencing since my house burned down in the CZU fire in 2020. I often feel overwhelmed by what seems to be a daily worsening environment. The only way I can find to deal with it is by working in and dedicating my life to conservation.

**Lynn from Arcata**

I am extremely anxious about climate change, the future of humanity, and the apparent oblivion about it that most people seem to feel. I often feel helpless, so I cope by electrifying my home with solar, by driving electric, by shopping locally and growing a garden. I realize I am privileged to be able to do these things and feel that very privilege requires that I make climate responsible changes because I can. I try to volunteer for organizations that promote stewardship and education. Earth abides. Humans? We'll see.



**Erika Granadino**

Climate change is a reminder that the only constant is change. Although this has been going on for all existence, we are at a point where we need to act. I get eco-grief thinking about the many species that will not survive.



**Sophie, Orick**

Climate change gives me lots of anxiety, I cope with it by working in conservation and spending time with my loved ones.

**Alissa**

In 1992 the first news reports came out about climate change. I have waited ever since for the time of action to restore our environments. As a person with disabilities I am disproportionately affected by climate change.

**Zoe, 21, Arcata**

Climate change is a very real threat to all of our futures. I feel that my own future is very uncertain and it's difficult to plan ahead because I don't know what the state of the planet will be in 10 or more years. I don't know whether I'll have kids or a family or a home because I don't know if the world will be stable

enough to have those things by the time I'm ready.

**Tania Strada Rodriguez, Richardson Grove State Park interpreter**

Climate change to me is an indicator of a lack of our natural resources and the right to human rights. I feel eco-grief knowing I can make small steps like reducing gas mileage, however it means nothing when the corporations like big oil or lumber companies consciously or intentionally harm our Madre Tierra (our mother earth). As of now, I can only share my knowledge and hope it provokes a change in mindset to the right individual.

**Braid Kipling**

More and more people are recognizing the healing properties of time spent in nature. A lot of people love the redwoods. I need them and do not think I would be alive without them. Since my neurosurgery, I have terrible anxiety and depression. The redwoods-they just fix me when I am struggling – and they help so many. Unfortunately, with global warming we are killing off nature and ourselves- we are at a transformation.

**Chris Cabello, Arcata**

There are a lot of layers to that question. It has been

exasperated a lot of different ways. A lot of corporate and political denial. I feel a lot of concern. It does affect the choices I make. I am more inclined to ride my bike, give to the Sierra Club and other political organizations that I am aligned with that are mitigating climate change.

**Paul, Arcata**

I am convinced that climate change is unstoppable that our addiction to wealth and refusal to take actions necessary to stop or reduce climate change will end our current life, at least as we know it. I hate to admit that as an 80-year-old person I suspect the worst of the catastrophe will happen after I am gone, and I won't have to see the final mess. I firmly believe we have unleashed a force that is beyond our ability to fix- and it makes me deeply sad.

**Carmon, 23**

As someone born in 2000, I feel like I've never known life without being stressed about climate change. Climate change means that vulnerable populations of ethnic minorities and other disenfranchised people will be in the frontline of losing their homes, practices, and ways of life, along with the loss of biodiversity of those places.

# Centro del Pueblo fundraising event

**CENTRO DEL PUEBLO**

EUREKA – Centro del Pueblo invites you to a special fundraising event at the Eureka Friday Night Market Friday, Sept. 15 at 5 p.m.

With the support of Humboldt Made, we aim to raise essential funds for our Sanctuary Gardens located in Arcata, Eureka, Bayside, Loleta and Fortuna.



This event not only marks the Second Year of our Sanctuary Gardens but also celebrates a Latin American Independence Day. We have an exciting cultural program lined up, including:

- DJ ASIS: Providing lively music throughout the evening.
- Baile Terapia Open Class at 7 p.m.: Join us on the dance floor!

The funds raised during this event will directly support our Sanctuary Garden program.

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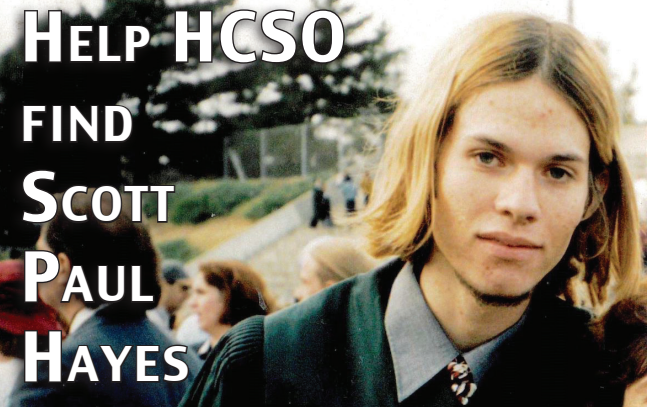
- Expanding Reach: Your contributions will help us complete the construction of gardens in Bayside and Loleta and extend our distribution to remote areas of Humboldt.

Community Empowerment: Centro del Pueblo also runs programs like Sister Flower for Indigenous and Immigrant Women, Know Your Rights (including content in Spanish for Natural Disaster Prevention), La Semilla Communication (creating bilingual educational content for radio, magazines and TV), and upcoming projects like Artistas Santuario and Youth Wellness Campaigns.

Your contribution can make a significant difference. Whether through financial support, in-kind donations, volunteering, or sharing our events and campaigns, together, YES, WE CAN. SÍ SE PUEDE!

Centro del Pueblo is a 50(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to empowering the Latinx community in Humboldt. Your donations are tax-deductible.

Together, let's nurture our community, culture and environment.



MISSING Scott Paul Hayes. HCSO PHOTO

**HCSO**

HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt County Sheriff's Cold Case Unit is seeking the community's help to solve a 27-year-old missing person case.

Scott Paul Hayes was last seen by a roommate on Jan. 8, 1996. Hayes, who was 19 at the time, told his roommate he was leaving Humboldt County and traveling to Southern California to visit his girlfriend. Hayes reportedly loaded all of his personal property into his maroon Chevrolet Sonoma pickup truck and left.

The following day, January 9, Hayes' truck was found parked on the edge of the northbound lane of U.S. Highway 101 near Redcrest. His vehicle was locked, and his belongings were still inside. Later investigations indicated that the truck was out of fuel. No signs of foul play were found at the scene.

During their investigation, detectives located a witness who reportedly saw a man matching the description of Hayes in Redcrest during the early morning hours of January 9. The man reportedly told the witness that he had run out of gas. The witness gave the man a ride, however, the man reportedly began acting strangely and the witness dropped him off under the Stafford overpass out of fear for their safety. The witness reportedly continued on and retrieved fuel for the man, however, upon returning approximately 10 minutes later to the Stafford location, the man was gone.

An additional witness claimed to have seen Hayes at a motel in Rio Dell. Again, the man was reported to be acting strangely and he was not given a room. The man was reportedly last seen walking northbound on Wildwood Avenue.

Hayes has not been seen or heard from since Jan. 9, 1996, and all leads received by the Sheriff's Office thus far have been exhausted.

Scott Hayes was described as a white male adult, approximately 6 feet 1 inch tall, 150 pounds, with blonde hair and hazel eyes.

The Sheriff's Office needs your help to bring closure to Mr. Hayes' family. Anyone with information regarding Hayes' whereabouts or who may have seen Hayes that day in 1996 are urged to contact HCSO Investigator Mike Fridley at (707) 441-3024 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip Line at (707) 268-2539.

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Selective density needed

Four letters in last week’s *Union* addressed different aspects of Arcata’s Gateway Area Plan. Perhaps unintended by the writers, each letter actually disproved the points the writers seemed to want to make.

Regarding the Arcata Fire District’s extremely valid concerns on their staffing upgrades to provide fire protection for taller buildings, work is underway to deal with this important issue, as the *Union* editor pointed out. We await the draft Environmental Impact Report to see how this and other infrastructure and sound, soil, and air quality concerns are provided for.

The letter speaking to “the lack of affordable options” and stating “We need more housing of all types and for all incomes” is 100% true. Unfortunately, the current draft Gateway plan does not provide anywhere close to adequate means to really ensure that we will see affordable housing. If passed in its current form, housing built would likely be more expensive than what we’ve come to know as “market rents.” Additional work on the plan is needed if we’re going to see the types and costs of housing that are crucial for the needs of the people.

Regarding the 7-story building in Spokane, I’ll say this. The image is a rendering, not a photograph. I did the solar shading diagrams for this building. Even in August it shades its own sidewalk for 9 hours a day. For six months of the year, it shades its sidewalk and the sidewalk on other side of the street for 8 hours a day. Across the street is a one-block-deep city park. For a third of the year, it shades half of this park – on the OTHER side of the street – for four hours a day. In the middle of Winter, it can shade ALL of this park.

As the author noted, it has no stepbacks. It rises in a vertical wall from the sidewalk. This building can do without a street-frontage stepback because it is only one-quarter city block wide – about 85 feet, or about one-third of an Arcata city block. The Spokane block

OPINION

has a 3-story building, the 7-story building, a parking lot, and a 3-story building. On the other side of the street is a 3-story building, two 1-story buildings, and the city park. The height of the 7-story building does not dominate the block.

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In the Gateway area, we may be seeing buildings that are one full block long. Without a suitable deep stepback, a block-long building will indeed create a canyon-like feel.

That building in Spokane is 7-stories and has 50 apartments. We need housing that is more dense than that. Examples of dense housing are shown on *Arcata1.com*.

The *Union* editor wrote “Even the shaded areas of lower Manhattan that lie amidst the skyscrapers, such as the World Trade Center area, are awash in sunlight every clear day.”

Well, the World Trade Center area was designed as a commemorative park, with blocks of open space and large reflective pools showing where Twin Towers once stood. Yes, it has sunlight – although even those open blocks become 40%-80% in shadow in the Winter months. Walk a block away, and you’re in 80% to 100% of the day in shadow, for every day of the entire year.

Certainly, Arcata is not New York. But block-long 5-story buildings on both sides of the street will have the same kind of effect. And the Gateway Code can be written to eliminate that.

Battery Park, just a short distance away, is indeed precious, as the *Union* editor notes. It

is at the southern-most tip of Manhattan. All tall buildings are to the north – resulting in no shade cast onto the park.

In Arcata it would be truly wonderful to have a large section of the Gateway area preserved as a park. Perhaps a few acres of the Barrel district, adjacent to the L Street Linear Park, could be created with no tall buildings to the south casting shade on it

I agree we need density – and it has to be applied selectively. The current Gateway plan paints density with broad brushstrokes. The plan is not tuned to what we are looking for here in Arcata. And, most importantly, it does not provide affordable housing.

I welcome dialogue. I want to make this plan work. Arcata, we can do better.

Fred Weis  
Arcata

Pothole pension payments

Patrick Cloney has done us all a great service by doing diligent research and putting hard numbers on the our local public sector pension crisis.

We need more police, fire fighters, road maintenance, and other important government workers but we can’t afford to hire them because of the amount we are paying to retired workers.

Humboldt County spends just a whisker short of one-third of its payroll costs on pensions – think of that, one third.

Think of it this way: every pothole is a pension payment.

David Callow  
Glendale

End fossil fuels

On Sunday, Sept. 17, people will be gathering in Sacramento in support of a March to End Fossil Fuels in New York City. The New York March, also on Sunday the 17th, is just days before a UN Climate Ambition Summit, hosted by the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, at UN headquarters in New York City.

Both events will make calls to President Biden to end our dependence on fossil fuels. The Sacramento event will urge Governor Newsom as well to do more on behalf of the climate. It will feature speakers, giant puppet shows, kayaks on the river, carnival games and more. Hope some of you reading this can get to Sacramento! (Event is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

In Arcata on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 16, from 2 to 6 p.m. at 350-Humboldt’s table at the North Country Fair, there will be an opportunity to write postcards which include the calls to action of the End Fossil Fuels campaign, to President Biden.

- The calls to action are:
- Stop federal approvals for new fossil fuel projects
  - Phase out fossil fuel drilling on our public lands and water
  - Declare a climate emergency
  - Provide a just transition to a renewable energy future

Nancy Ihara, Jenifer Pace, Gail Coonan, Emily Siegle  
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350-Humboldt

Community understanding, betterment and service at the TCC

The RLA Jazz Trio featuring guest artist Matthew Mc-Climon, vibes, will perform on Friday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Trinidad Town Hall. Matthew is director of the concert and jazz bands at Fortuna Middle School and Toddy Thomas Middle School in Fortuna and he leads the jazz ensemble of the 191st Army Band at Camp Parks. He is a graduate of HSU with a BA percussion performance and received advanced degrees in music from the University of Louisville and University of New Orleans.

Matthew has performed with many fine musicians over the years including Caroline Davis, Davy Mooney, Brian Seeger, Ed Peterson, James Singleton and Quin Kirchner. Guitartist Doug Marcum will join the jazz ensemble. Admission is \$10 to \$20 sliding scale. Refreshments available. Westhaver Center for the Arts is the sponsor of the concert. For more information call acting director Joli Einem at (707) 834-2479.

Trinidad Civic Club welcomes new members and guests

Franya Sidoroff, Genia Garibaldi and Angela Haar were welcomed by Trinidad Civic Club members at last week’s first meeting of the fall season. The theme of the gathering, “Revving Up and Reconnecting” allowed everyone present to tell three things of importance about themselves in their lives. Co-President Jan West; Corresponding Secretary Penne O’Gara; Linda Adams, a world traveler with her husband, Jim, and her family; Diane Stockness, long-time Planning Commissioner and doting grandmother; and new member Franya Sidoroff, who ran a Fallbrook ranch with her husband, Greg, and her family, all are retired teachers. Jan, mother and grandmother, served with the Peace Corps in Afghanistan and remains active in Friends of Afghanistan. She is married

to city councilman and retired teacher Jack West. Penne lived in Colombia for years with her late storyteller and teacher husband, Dan, and their three children.

Co-President Dana Hope, a Big Lagoon resident since 2001, holds a graduate degree in counseling and is a frequent officiant at weddings and other celebratory events. Dana was born into the Los Angeles entertainment industry. Secretary Janine Volkmar,

fluent in French, is a librarian, writer, photographer, caregiver, chef and end-of-life doula. Dr. Martha Sue Davis, scholarship committee chairman, practiced as a therapist during her long Bay Area career and is active in Lions Club with her husband, Bill Nelson. Bookkeeper Katrin Homan, mother of four children, was born in Dresden, Germany, is active in 4-H work, tends to her farm animals and is an exceptional horse-

woman. She and her husband, Dr. John Homan, just celebrated their 25th anniversary. Genia Garibaldi has toured the USA on motorcycles. She owns three, rides them all, and lives above Moonstone Beach. Marsha Hughes, who moved to her beautiful home in the redwoods to be close to her family, is a tireless grandmother, reader and volunteer at almost every TCC event.

Web page manager and technological expert Barbara Cline has a background in performing arts and spent years as a stained glass artisan with husband Geoff Proust, a retired teacher and school administrator.

New to Trinidad is Angela Haar, from Kentucky, who is an event planner, lighthouse enthusiast and writer. Cammie Anderson and Mari Wilson had to leave for other commitments so their stories were not heard yet. Many common bonds were discovered, with the children of many TCC members having been students at Trinidad or Big Lagoon Schools

and several of the ladies having sung in Dottie Haukenberry’s Trinidad Community Choir.

A commitment to community understanding, betterment and service is strong bond in Trinidad Civic Club members’ lives. Want to know more about joining the Club? Email [tcc@trinidadcivicclub.org](mailto:tcc@trinidadcivicclub.org) or call (707) 677-3655.

Liz Thatcher’s remembrance

The late Liz Thatcher, with Inner-Center Fine Arts Institute Director Donna Haddock, were Co-Presidents of Trinidad Civic Club for many years.

Liz, another Trinidad School teacher, Trinidad Community Choir member and dedicated state park volunteer, will be honored at Sue-Meg State Park on Patrick’s Point Drive on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Email Liz’s daughter, Juline Bajada, at [julinebajada@gmail.com](mailto:julinebajada@gmail.com) if you wish to join the celebration of Liz’s life.

Email Patti at [baycity@sonic.net](mailto:baycity@sonic.net)

Birds slyly flutter into our daily lives in ways we may not realize

Up, I am a “bird brain.” I owned a wild bird store called “Strictly for the Birds.” Though that phrase seems derogatory and is meaningless, I was proud of it. I began my business on a “wing and a prayer.” It was fun finding my “bluebird of happiness,” (also a cute and popular knick-knack) plus providing me an opportunity to “feather my nest.” I ended up with a little “nest egg” to enjoy my retirement.

Despite the “crow’s feet” and a little “chicken neck” I might be considered a “wise old bird.” However, in retirement, I feel “free as a bird” and enjoy life.

OK, I know you might be thinking the above statements were contrived. But think of your everyday life and maybe you are barely aware of the many bird references you use or hear.

The following are life lessons. Whether you own a “fledgling” business, work for someone else, have a plan or idea about the present or future, remember....”Don’t put all of your eggs in one basket,” “Don’t count your chickens before they hatch” and “a bird in hand is worth two in the bush.” Great ideas are often “on a lark.” Sharing ideas can be creative and therefore, it pays to hang out with like-minded people. Put plainly, “birds of a feather flock together” and often generate new ideas.

The Mom that gets out of bed to children glued to the TV. She is so thankful she got to sleep in. The kids are watching Sesame Street and suddenly she is in love with Big Bird.

So, if you like to get up early, you are an “early bird.” If you prefer to sleep in and stay up late, you might consider yourself a “night owl.”

Take an elevator to the top of the Empire State Building and get a “bird’s eye view” of the city.

The garage sale down the street may be annoyed with the “early bird that catches the worm” type people.

A choir member may be encouraged to “sing like a bird.” Oh, and while on the subject of music, there are lots of songs about or mentioning birds. How about “Mockingbird” by James Taylor, “When the Swallows Come Back to Capistrano” (Pat Boone) or “When the Red, Red Robin Comes Bob, Bobbin’ Along.” In “Over the Rainbow” the bluebirds fly. Vivaldi’s “The Goldfinch” was depicted by a flute.

How about books and/or movies? We have *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Happy Feet* (penguins) or *Bye, Bye Birdie*. And, who could forget, the Hitchcock thriller, *The Birds!* Some musical groups looked to birds for their names, “The Byrds” and “The Eagles.”

Children often “parrot” a parent’s words. Be careful with that!

As the hard work of being a good parent ends, many suffer from “empty nest syndrome.” Not my grandparents from New England who fled to Florida where they were known as “snowbirds.”

Maybe your grandparents saved nice

heirlooms for you. So, who gets the German Black Forest “cuckoo clock?”

Speaking of foreign countries, young Englishmen often frequent a trendy bar to go “birding.” No binoculars needed to pick up girls!

Gardeners grow “Cock’s Comb” and “Bird of Paradise.”

A scrupulously accurate bookkeeper should have “eyes like an eagle” to catch errors.

A snitch is a “stool pigeon.” “Don’t be so scared! Are you a ‘Chicken?’” This statement may have gotten quite a few injured or in trouble.

“Just look at that skinny girl. She’s as “thin as a rail.” She must “eat like a bird!” Is this phrase a compliment or just bad manners?

Out on the playground children often play, “Duck, Duck, Goose.” I didn’t know this game but I think it involves chasing each other. But, I do know that being “goosed” is not a fun thing. So, the solution may be “what’s good for the goose, is good for the gander!”

Sports fans are familiar with bird named teams. They root for “Cardinals,” “Orioles,” “Blue Jays,” “Ravens,” “Eagles,” and Oregon “Ducks.” Don’t forget the “Seahawks,” “Penguins,” and “Falcons.”

The man at the street corner “hawks” newspapers (*Oops!* Showing my age).

In more modern times we deal with “Twitter” and “tweets.”

A person just not wanting to hear or see certain things is thought of being an “ostrich”...with his head in the sand. From a

person not liking something they hear or see may “flip you the bird.”

How about telling children especially, that Mommy is waiting for the “stork” to arrive. And to help that myth along, greeting cards depict storks holding a folded blanket in its beak, complete with a newborn that is about to be deposited down the chimney!

Would the blue-footed “booby” be upset if he knew how people use his name? How about someone thought of as being not too smart and called a “Dodo?” It is not the poor bird’s fault that he is extinct. Most people acting without abandon may be accused of being “cuckoo.” On the other hand, the “dove of peace” is revered! Too bad we don’t have more of them around.

I hope you don’t have an “albatross around your neck” as that is a curse.

Instead, it is nicer to receive a “peck” on the cheek than being “hen-pecked.”

Look at what you drive. A school bus driver, handles a “Bluebird” every day. Some trailer campers are “Bluebirds.” If you like to take the back roads you might opt for a “Hummer.” Car buffs might pay a pretty penny for a “T-bird” or an old “Skylark.” The ’50s era sexy Chevy had those “gull-wing” fins. Another mode of transportation might be a helicopter... a “whirlybird.” Travelling by train from San Antonio, you might take the “Texas Eagle.”

And, lastly, we have some notable people with “bird” in their name. Lady Bird Johnson was a plant lover with a special grove here in the redwoods, and Admiral Richard Byrd explored of the Antarctic in 1946.



❖ BIRD BRAINS  
Louise Bacon-Ogden



**THE EMO NIGHT TOUR** The Emo Night Tour performs Thursday, Sept. 14 at the Van Duzer Theatre at Cal Poly Humboldt. The Emo Night Tour returns to Cal Poly Humboldt after a sold-out event last fall. Expect a lively and immersive atmosphere reminiscent of the emo and pop-punk scene’s heyday, with selections of emo, pop-punk, and alternative rock anthems including hits from bands like My Chemical Romance, Fall Out Boy, Panic! at the Disco, Paramore and many others. 18 and over. Doors open at 7 p.m., show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door and free for Cal Poly Humboldt students. (707) 826-3928, [centerarts.humboldt.edu](http://centerarts.humboldt.edu).

**VINCE HERMAN BAND** The Vince Herman Band will perform Thursday, Sept. 14 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. Vince Herman is a guitarist and singer-songwriter best known for being one of the founding members of Leftover Salmon. In 2019 he formed the supergroup High Hawks with keyboardist Chad Staehly, guitarist Adam Greuel, bassist Brian Adams, drummer Will Trask and fiddler Tim Carbone. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$25 in advance and at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, [humbrews.com](http://humbrews.com)

**BROTHERS COMATOSE** The Brothers Comatose will perform Friday, Sept. 15 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. Americana mavens The Brothers Comatose forge their own path with raucous West Coast renderings of traditional bluegrass, country and rock ‘n’ roll music. The five-piece string band is anything but a traditional acoustic outfit with their fierce musicianship and rowdy, rock concert-like shows. Doors open at 8 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, [humbrews.com](http://humbrews.com)

**BUDDY REED AND THE RIP IT UPS** Buddy Reed and the Rip It Ups will perform Friday, Sept. 15 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Local boys Buddy Reed and the Rip It Ups, layin’ it down low with all your blues and roots rock favorites. Show starts at 6 p.m. All ages. (707) 839-7580, [sixriversbrewery.com](http://sixriversbrewery.com)

**BRAZILIAN MUSIC** Rogê will perform Saturday, Sept. 17 at Richard’s Goat, 401 I St., Arcata. Latin Grammy-nominated songwriter and musician Rogê is considered to be a principal part of the Brazilian popular music scene revival. Rogê has released seven solo albums and two collaborations with samba legend Arlindo Cruz and with Seu Jorge (best known in the U.S. for *The Life Aquatic* soundtrack). Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. (707) 630-5000, [richardsgoat.com](http://richardsgoat.com).

**JULIO PERDIDO** Julio Perdidido will perform Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. Local singer-songwriter Julio Perdidido shares originals and covers with meaningful messages, emphasizing love and community. Show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 668-5000, visit [loggerbar.com/events](http://loggerbar.com/events)

**OPEN AIR MARKET** An Open Air Market takes place every Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Manila Community Park in Manila. The market includes arts and crafts, music, jewelry, clothing, plants and more. There is no entry fee nor a vending for artists and others who want to participate.

**JIM LAHMAN BAND** The Jim Lahman Band will perform Saturday, Sept. 16 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave. in McKinleyville. Funk, blues, rock, swing and soul from local educators and musical legends the Jim Lahman Band. Show starts at 6 p.m. All ages. (707) 839-7580, [sixriversbrewery.com](http://sixriversbrewery.com).

**ITALIAN FESTIVAL** The Italian Festival and Bocce Tournament takes place Sunday, Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Redwood Ballfields at the east end of Fern Street in Cutten. Music, Italian sausage sandwiches, gelato, a raffle with many prizes, bocce, biscotti and more. Tournament begins at 10 a.m. sharp and there is a \$15 entry fee. Hosted by Sons and Daughters of Italy Eureka Lodge. [facebook.com/Order.Sons.of.Italy.Eureka](https://facebook.com/Order.Sons.of.Italy.Eureka).

**J-BOOG** J-Boog will perform Tuesday, Sept. 19 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata. J-Boog is an American R&B singer, rapper, producer and actor. He is a member of R&B group B2K. The group achieved success in the early 2000s with singles like *Bump, Bump, Bump, Uh Huh* and *Girlfriend*, which all reached success on the Billboard Hot 100. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$39.50 and are available by visiting [arcatatheatrelounge.com](http://arcatatheatrelounge.com). (707) 630-5000.

**COMING UP** Mariachi Herencia de México will perform at Van Duzer Theatre on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. Wahid will perform at the Arcata Playhouse on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. The Orwells will perform at the Arcata Theatre Lounge on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. Healing Potpourri will perform at Richards’s Goat on Friday, Sept. 29 at 9 p.m. Olga Kern will perform at Van Duzer Theatre on Sunday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. Dan Bern will perform at the Humboldt Brewery on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 8 p.m.

# SCENE

## ‘Creating the Flow’ at North Country Fair

**THE SAME OLD PEOPLE**  
ARCATA PLAZA – The 2023 North Country Fair is back for another fun-filled weekend celebrating the arts and artists that make our community so special. The 49th annual event takes place on the Arcata Plaza on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16 and Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This year’s theme “Creating the Flow” is inspired by, and a celebration of, the un-damming of the Klamath River. The flowing waters mirror the creative process and “flow” that artists and performers have when they are inspired. The theme also reminds us to create the flow of positive changes that we’d like to see in our world.

This free and family-friendly festival features 170 art and craft vendors, three music and entertainment stages, local food booths, activities for kids, and a daily parade at 1 p.m. Bring your two-legged friends and families, but please leave your dogs and pets at home.

The All Species Parade will take place on Saturday, led by the Arcata Playhouse. Dress up in your favorite animal, creature, or species costume and join in on the fun! This year’s parade will include a street performance of a dam being destroyed at each corner. A free mask, hat and prop making event will be held prior to the fair at the Arcata Playhouse on Saturday, Sept. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Annual Samba Parade led by Samba da Alegria will take place on Sunday at 1 p.m. and, as always, promises to be a highlight of the fair. The weekend will showcase over 20 live local acts including a full schedule of dancers and entertainers.

The North Country Fair has been leading the way in zero waste event efforts, inspiring other events locally and regionally to join the reusable and refillable revolution. In collabora-

North Country Fair

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Sept 16 & 17 2023

SCHEDULE

Saturday

Plaza Stage

10:20 Irie Mae  
11:40 Dead On  
1:00 (All Species Parade)  
2:00 Timbata  
3:20 Pief Dalmolen Band  
4:45 Checkered Past

Daydream Stage

10:00 Huayllipacha  
11:00 Atilla and the Hunz  
12:15 Hutton Family Band  
1:00 (All Species Parade)  
1:40 Ticket to Ride  
2:50 Vanishing Pints  
4:00 Bayou Swamis  
5:15 Barking Dogma

Lawn Stage

11:00 Humboldt Taiko  
12:00 Spring Chickenz  
1:00 (All Species Parade)  
2:00 Zeta Fusion  
3:00 West African Dance + Drum  
4:00 The Humboldt Rockers

Sunday

Plaza Stage

10:20 Crash Monroe  
11:40 Papa Haole and the Fleas  
1:00 (Samba Parade)  
2:00 Asha Nan  
3:20 Caribbean Jazz Odyssey  
4:45 Cold Blue Water

Daydream Stage

10:00 Folks our Age  
11:00 Elderberry Rust  
12:15 SoHum Girls Rust  
1:00 (Samba Parade)  
1:40 Tidepool Highdivers  
2:50 Sneaky Mandy  
4:00 Knights of the Van Duzen  
5:15 Palante Jazz

Lawn Stage

10:00 Zumba  
11:00 Hayal Middle Eastern Music  
12:00 Main Stage Youth  
1:00 (Samba Parade)  
2:00 Emerald Aerials  
3:00 Shoshanna and Friends  
4:00 Atsia Percussion Ensemble

tion with The Local Worm Guy as well as Recology we work to divert as much of the festival waste from the landfill as possible. We ask that you help by bringing your own pint cup for beer, a refillable bottle for water, and refrain from bringing in waste from off-site. All items are sorted and weighed, so please take small trash items generated by your own family,

like diapers and gum wrappers, back home with you.

The North Country Fair is brought to you by The Same Old People, a nonprofit volunteer group dedicated to presenting this arts and crafts, community-centered festival for years to come.

For more information visit [north-countryfair.org](http://north-countryfair.org)



**FOR KIDS** Play-In With Rob Diggins takes place on Sunday, Sept. 17 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St. The free event is for all violin/fiddle/mandolin/guitar playing kids age 4.5 to 13 years old, their musical parents/guardians, and youthful adult string players (of the violin family of instruments, mandolins, and acoustic guitars, etc.). Rob will facilitate an interactive group experience exploring the bowed and plucked, musical possibilities of the string instrument music family. The event is sponsored by Westhaven Center for the Arts. SUBMITTED PHOTO

**FILMMAKER SHOWCASE** The Cal Poly Department of Art and Film invites you to the 2023 Student Filmmaker Showcase Friday, Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. in the John Van Duzer Theatre at Cal Poly Humboldt. Come see the outstanding work of Cal Poly Humboldt’s Film Students from the 2022–2023 school year on the big screen. The program of short films includes fiction, documentary, and experimental

pieces and highlights the collaboration, hard work, and creativity of our student storytellers and artists. The free program “Into the Deep” will run approximately 75 minutes.

**JAZZ CONCERT** The RLA Trio performs Friday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m. at Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St., Trinidad. RLA trio includes Tim Randles, piano; Ken Lawrence, electric

bass; and Mike Labolle, drums. The trio will be joined by guests Matt McClimon, vibes; and Doug Marcum, guitar. McClimon leads the jazz ensemble of the 191st Army Band at Camp Parks. He has performed with many musicians over the years such as Caroline Davis, Davy Mooney, Brian Seeger, Ed Peterson, James Singleton and Quin Kirchner. Admission is \$10 to \$20 sliding scale.



**RENEWED AND IMPROVED** Designed in 2018, the street mural southeast of the Old Creamery building had worn away over five years. On the morning of Saturday, Sept. 3, Playhouse Arts Education Director Haley Davis and a hardy band of muralists armed with donated housepaint from Hensel’s Hardware set about restoring the asphalt artwork. Behold the beautiful result at right. PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION





**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00524**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **D SQUARED ENTERPRISES 43500 STATE HIGHWAY 36 DINSMORE, CA 95526 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT NOLAN M. DINSMORE 43500 STATE HIGHWAY 36 DINSMORE, CA 95526 DIRK A. DINSMORE 4400 CREEKSIDE PLACE HYDESVILLE, CA 95547**  
This business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP S/ NOLAN DINSMORE PARTNER  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on SEPT. 6, 2023  
JUAN P. CERVANTES SG DEPUTY CLERK 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4

**ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00289**  
**DATE OF ORIGINAL FILING: 4/26/23**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **OCEANSIDE FARM 1250 OESCHGER RD FERNDALE, CA 95536 HUMBOLDT COUNTY RENDAK ENTERPRISES CORP CA 5118208 1250 OESCHGER RD FERNDALE, CA 95536**  
This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION S/JEDEDIAH CRUZ PRESIDENT  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on AUG. 7, 2023  
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**ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00201**  
**DATE OF ORIGINAL FILING: 3/27/23**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **J & M PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, 2K WOODWORKS, JMK EQUIPMENT RENTALS 1250 OESCHGER RD FERNDALE, CA 95536 HUMBOLDT COUNTY RENDAK ENTERPRISES CORP CA 5118208 1250 OESCHGER RD FERNDALE, CA 95536**  
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**ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 22-00182**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WORDS WORTH 728 SECOND ST. EUREKA, CA 95501 HUMBOLDT COUNTY JOHN CHIV 728 SECOND ST. EUREKA, CA 95501**  
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL S/JOHN CHIV OWNER  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JULY 20, 2023  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00450**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NORTHERN EMERALDS 5550 WEST END RD. STE. 7 ARCATA, CA 95521 600 F ST. STE 3-839 ARCATA, CA 95521 HUMBOLDT COUNTY ECD HOLDINGS, INC CA 4207780 600 F ST. STE 3-839 ARCATA, CA 95521**  
This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION S/ CHRISTOPHER DANID HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JULY 18, 2023  
JUAN P. CERVANTES JC DEPUTY CLERK 8/23, 8/30, 9/6, 9/13

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00476**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ROOT INSTINCT 2633 SKYLINE DR. EUREKA, CA 95503 HUMBOLDT COUNTY JOHN W. CONE 2633 SKYLINE DR.**

**EUREKA, CA 95503**  
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL S/JOHN WILLIAM CONE OWNER  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Aug. 3, 2023  
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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME NICOLE ROCHELLE MCCOLLUM SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV2301205 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:**  
1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: **NICOLE ROCHELLE MCCOLLUM** To Proposed name: **RHYTHM NICOLE MCCOLLUM**  
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
Date: SEPT. 29, 2023 Time: 1:45 p.m.  
Dept.: 4  
For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/.

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME REILLEY MULLIN SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV2301157 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:**  
1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present name: **MARY REILLEY MULLIN** To Proposed name: **REILLEY MULLIN**  
b. Present name: **REILLEY MULLIN COX** To Proposed name: **REILLEY MULLIN**  
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Dept.: 4  
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**NAME KEVIN CHUNG SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV2301095 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:**  
1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: **KEVIN CHUNG** To Proposed name: **KEVIN GEUMHAN**  
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
Date: SEPT. 29, 2023 Time: 1:45 p.m.  
Dept.: 4  
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF EVELYN RAE SMITH CASE NO.: PR2300252**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **EVELYN RAE SMITH. EVELYN R. BARNWELL SMITH**  
**A Petition for Probate** has been filed by JEFFREY O'HARA & BRANDELYN RANDALL in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.  
The Petition for Probate requests that JEFFREY O'HARA & BRANDELYN RANDALL be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
**A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:**  
Date: AUG. 24, 2023 Time: 1:31 PM  
Dept.: 4  
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.  
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If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in

section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**  
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
JEFFREY O'HARA & BRANDELYN RANDALL 29615 MATTOLE ROAD PETROLIA, CA 95558 (707) 498-7804 8/30, 9/6, 9/13

File # 05948396 T.S. No.: 23-14022-104 Loan No.: \*\*\*31 Notice of Trustee's Sale Notice: There is a summary of the information in this document attached\* "[Pursuant to civil code§ 2923.3(a), the summary of information referred to above is not attached to the recorded copy of this document, but only to the copies provided to trustor.] You are in default under a deed of trust dated 3/30/2007. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceeding against you, you should contact a lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Original Trustor(s): Kimberly A Madonna and Richard F Madonna Wife and Husband as Joint Tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: WT Capital Lender Services, a California corporation Recorded 4/3/2007, as Instrument No. 2007-10664-8, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Humboldt County, California Date of Sale: 9/20/2023 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the front entrance to the County Courthouse, 825 5TH Street, Eureka, Ca 95501 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$408,554.37 Estimated Street Address or other common designation of real property: 3122 Butte Creek Road, Bridgeville, Ca Legal Description: The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Humboldt, State of California, and is described as follows: Parcel One lots 3 and 4 of section 1, and lot 1 of section 2. Said sections 1 and 2 being in township 1 south, range 4 east, Humboldt meridian. Excepting therefrom, however, all the coal and other minerals in said lands, together with the right to prospect for, mine and remove the same, pursuant to the provisions and limitations of the act of December 29, 1916 (39 Stat. 862), being the same as excepted and reserved by the USA in its patent to Henry Schneider, recorded in book 23 of Patents, page 300. Parcel Two Together with all right, title and interest of grantor in that certain road easement described in easement indenture recorded in the office of the County recorder of Humboldt County, California on October 6, 1959, as document number 16461 on Vol. 555, page 29 of official records; and together with all right, title and interest of grantor in and to all easements and rights of way appertaining to said real

property. Being the same as conveyed by William C. Alford to Mary Ann Jurgens, Janet E. Olson and Frances K. Hanks by deed recorded December 17, 1974 in book 1268 of official records, page 263, and by deed recorded March 20, 1975 in book 1280 of official records, page 103, Humboldt County records. Parcel Three A non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress over the existing road lying southerly of the BLM road which runs through the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 35, township 1 north, range 4 east, Humboldt meridian. Said easement is subject to the following: A) Beneficiaries of said easement shall have the right to install gates upon the right of way at their own discretion and expense. All parties will have the right to install their own locking device upon said gates. B) Beneficiaries of said easement releases and discharges the owner of above described property from and all liability from damage to his person while using said right of way. A.P.N.: 208-162-002-000, and 208-163-001-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. In the event that the Deed of Trust described in this Notice of Trustee's Sale is secured by real property containing one to four single-family residences, the following notices are provided pursuant to the provisions of Civil Code section 2924f. Notice to potential bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Bidders at the trustee auction must make cashier's checks payable to WT Capital Lender Services. Third party cashier's checks will not be accepted. Notice to property owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 559-228-8393 or visit this internet website www.wtcap.com, using the file number assigned to this case 23-14022-104. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to tenant: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you may purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale,

you can call (559) 228-8393, or visit this internet website www.wtcap.com, using the file number assigned to this case 23-14022-104 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: August 24, 2023 WT Capital Lender Services a California corporation 7522 North Colonial Avenue, Suite 111 Fresno, California 93711 (559) 228-8393 WTCap.com By Nate Kucera Chief Executive Officer (IFS# 32003 08/30/23, 09/06/23, 09/13/23)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME DAKOTA LYNN OLIVEIRA SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV2301002 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:**  
1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: **DAKOTA LYNN OLIVEIRA** To Proposed name: **DAKOTA LYNN JAMES**  
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
Date: SEPT. 29, 2023 Time: 1:45 p.m.  
Dept.: 4  
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JEAN BARBARA KOZLAK CASE NO.: PR2300261**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **JEAN BARBARA KOZLAK, aka JEAN B. KOZLAK, aka JEANNE BARBARA KOZLAK, aka JEANNE B. KOZLAK, A Petition for Probate** has been filed by CHRIS CAROL HAMER in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.  
The Petition for Probate requests that: CHRIS CAROL HAMER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
**A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:**  
Date: SEPT. 28, 2023 Time: 1:31 PM  
Dept.: 4  
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.  
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If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the per-

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If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**  
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
DENNIS ROBERT HARTMAN #91 MEDFORD, OR 97501 (707) 834-6409 9/6, 9/13, 9/20

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PEARL A. ROLLER CASE NO.: PR2300271**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **PEARL A. ROLLER A Petition for Probate** has been filed by DANNY AMES in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.  
The Petition for Probate requests that: DANNY AMES be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
**A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:**  
Date: OCT. 5, 2023 Time: 1:31 PM  
Dept.: 4  
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.  
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If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**  
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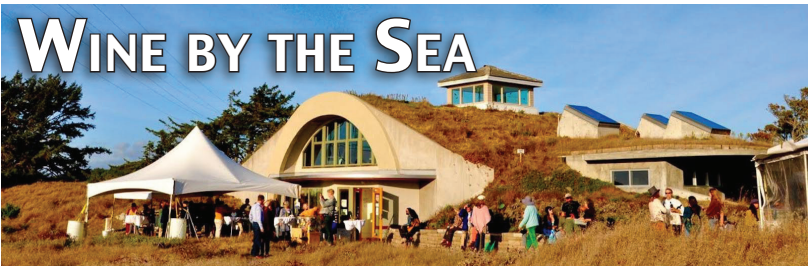
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PEARL A. ROLLER CASE NO.: PR2300271**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **PEARL A. ROLLER A Petition for Probate** has been filed by DANNY AMES in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.  
The Petition for Probate requests that: DANNY AMES be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
**A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:**  
Date: OCT. 5, 2023 Time: 1:31 PM  
Dept.: 4  
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**MARSH TOUR** Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Sept. 16. Meet leader Alex Stillman at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on marsh history, wastewater treatment, and/or ecology. (707) 826-2359.

**FALL IS A GREAT TIME FOR BIRDING** Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Bring your binoculars and meet trip leader Bill Rodstrom at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata for easy-to-walk trails and an opportunity to view a diverse range of species. Trip-goers may see brown pelicans diving for fish, shorebird murmurations over the bay, the fascinating bill diversity of Pacific Coast shorebirds, and migratory terrestrial species returning for the winter.

**EUREKA WATERFRONT TRAIL** Redwood Region Audubon Society will offer a free guided birding tour along the Eureka Waterfront Trail on Sunday, Sept. 17, from 9 to 11 a.m., with leader Ralph Bucher. This relatively urban trail offers the potential to observe species abundance and diversity compared to many more remote locations. Keep an eye and ear out for cormorants, loons, grebes and even otters diving for their meals in the bay alongside the trail. This walk is on a flat, paved trail that is wheelchair accessible. Email Ralph to sign up for this field trip at [thebook@reninet.com](mailto:thebook@reninet.com).



**FRIENDS OF THE DUNES**  
MANILA – It’s time to purchase tickets for Friends of the Dunes’ annual Wine by the Sea event, Saturday, Oct. 7 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center in Manila. This fundraising event supports coastal conservation and free outdoor education programs for Humboldt County kids.

Local band Hyperion will have you grooving and dancing to the beat. They are committed to sharing their love of ’70s funk and soul music with the community through their heartfelt performance. Local artist Matt Beard will paint to Hyperion’s rhythm, creating a live painting that will be featured in the online auction.

Attendees will also get the chance to connect with local wine makers who will be pouring samples of their wines. All for the reasonable price of \$55, or \$45 for Friends of the Dunes members.

This event sells out every year so get your tickets now! Tickets are available online at [friendsofthedunes.org/winebythesea](http://friendsofthedunes.org/winebythesea) or in person at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center during open hours.

For more information, please contact Friends of the Dunes at (707) 444-1397 or email [info@friendsofthedunes.org](mailto:info@friendsofthedunes.org).



**RUFF LANDING, RELEASE** Left, a male and female Ruff, on migration through the Netherlands in May. Right, Yvonne Verkuil releasing freshly color-banded ruffs. LEFT PHOTO BY JAN WIJMENGA; RIGHT PHOTO BY ADRI HOOGENDIJK



## All about the extravagant, tufted Ruff

**REDWOOD REGION AUDUBON SOCIETY**  
ARCATA – Join the Redwood Region Audubon Society on Thursday, Sept. 21 in person or on Zoom, for a program titled “Ruffs – the Ephemeral Shorebird” by Yvonne Verkuil.

The live program is held at Six Rivers Masonic Lodge, 251 Bayside Rd., Arcata. It will be simultaneously Zoomed – go to [rras.org](https://rras.org) for the link. Drinks and goodies will be served at 7 p.m. and the program will start at 7:30 p.m.

Ruffs are mostly known for their extravagant looks, with the males sporting colorful ruffs and tufts in unique combinations of patterns and colors.

Their displays on the mating grounds are a spectacular sight. In this talk, Verkuil will focus on the more hidden complexity of their mating system, with unexpected male and female roles that are equally spectacular.

The talk will also touch on the capacity of Ruffs to react to changes in their environments. They ap-

pear quickly in areas where conditions are right (again).

This has led to apparent flexible usage of migration routes through Europe and large-scale shifts of breeding grounds in Scandinavia and Russia in the last decades.

Verkuil is a Dutch ecologist, based near Humboldt Bay since 2022, with a lifelong passion for shorebirds. She did her master's research on Red Knots migrating through Western Europe and on the shorebird community of the Sivash, Ukraine.

She received her Ph.D. in Biology in 2010 at the University of Groningen based on her studies of Ruffs and did postdoctoral work on rufa Red Knots at the Royal Ontario Museum in Canada.

In the past decade, she continued her population genetics research on shorebirds and developed a methodology for DNA-barcoding bird diets.

Since 2008 she has dedicated her free time to promoting shorebird conservation and research,



**RUFF EXPERT Yvonne Verkuil will discuss Ruffs during a talk on Thursday, Sept. 21 in Arcata.**

PHOTO BY WILCO VERKUIL

mostly through her roles as chair (until 2020) of the International Wader Study Group and as journal editor of *Wader Study*.

She currently works (remotely) for the University of Groningen in the Netherlands and does fieldwork on breeding Pied Avocets with the Lowland Ecology Network.

## Cyanobacteria (blue green algae) lurks

**HUMBOLDT DHHS**

**HUMBOLDT** – As we go into the long weekend, local Environmental and Public Health officials are reminding residents to keep an eye out for cyanobacteria while recreating at area rivers and lakes.

This reminder comes after algal blooms were recently detected by North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board staff in the South Fork of the Eel River at Richardson’s Grove, Cook’s Valley and in Miranda.

Cyanobacteria, also known as blue-green algae, can be present in any fresh water body, and looks like dark green, blue-green, black, orange or brown scum, foam or mats on the riverbed or floating on the water.

Cyanobacteria can produce harmful compounds, such as toxins and taste and odor compounds, that cause health risks to humans and animals. Warm water and abundant nutrients can cause cyanobacteria to grow more rapidly than usual causing “blooms.” These blooms are termed “harmful algal blooms.”

In previous years, cyanobacteria has been confirmed in water bodies within Humboldt and surrounding counties, including the Mad River, South Fork Eel River, Van Duzen River, Trinity River, Big Lagoon, Stone



**ALGAE Cyanobacteria.**

NASA PHOTO

Lagoon, Clear Lake and Lake Pillsbury.

It is difficult to test and monitor the many lakes and miles of our local rivers.

Most blooms in California contain harmless green algae, but it is important to stay safe and avoid contact.

While most cyanobacteria do not affect animals or people, some are capable of producing toxins that can be harmful to animals and humans.

Dogs and children are most likely to be affected because of their smaller body size and tendency to stay in the water for longer periods of time.

Officials recommend the following guidelines for recreational users of freshwater areas:

- Keep children, pets and livestock from swimming in or drinking water containing algal scums or mats.
- Adults should also avoid wading and swimming

in water containing algal blooms. Try not to swallow or inhale water spray in an algal bloom area.

- If no algal scums or mats are visible, you should still carefully watch young children and warn them not to swallow any water.
- Fish should be consumed only after removing the guts and liver and rinsing fillets in tap water.
- Never drink, cook with or wash dishes with water from rivers, streams or lakes.
- Get medical attention immediately if you think that you, your pet or livestock might have been poisoned by cyanobacteria toxins. Be sure to tell the doctor or veterinarian about possible contact with cyanobacteria or algal blooms.

• Join or support one of the many watershed and river organizations.

To learn more about cyanobacteria and harmful algal blooms, visit the state of California’s website at [mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/index.html](http://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/index.html).

To report a bloom, e-mail [CyanoHAB.Reports@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:CyanoHAB.Reports@waterboards.ca.gov) or call 844-729-6466 (toll free). Blooms can also be reported via the “bloomWatch” app which is available for free download on iTunes or Google play.

Contact the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Environmental Health at (707) 445-6215 or 1-(800)-963-9241.

## Oh great, now cue the jumping worms

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY**

**DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE**

**HUMBOLDT** – Samples taken by the Humboldt County Department of Agriculture have been confirmed to be an invasive earthworm species known as the jumping worm (*Amyntas agrestis*). Jumping worms devour organic matter more rapidly than European earthworms, stripping the forest of the layer critical for seedlings and wildflowers.

Recently, the Humboldt County Department of Agriculture submitted a worm sample to the California Department of Food and Agriculture’s (CDFA) Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services Division for testing. The sample was taken from a residential garden located in Arcata.

The sample provided to the CDFA was confirmed to be the jumping worm through DNA testing. This is the first time the jumping worm has been detected in Humboldt County.

Movement of this worm is most likely attributed to the horticultural industry, since on their own, jumping worms can only move five to ten meters a year. Presence of the jumping worm has spread widely in the Northeast and Midwest in the past two decades. The first detection in California occurred in 2019 and was associated with potted plants at a nursery located in Napa County. There have been subsequent



**JUST WHAT WE NEEDED** Jumping worm (*Amyntas agrestis*).

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detections in Sonoma County in 2022 and 2023.

The CDFA has labeled the jumping worm as an A-rated pest, meaning it can cause economic or environmental harm if it becomes established in California.

The Humboldt County Department of Agriculture wants the community and nursery industry to be aware of this new pest and to contact the department if you believe you have found a suspected jumping worm.

If you suspect the presence of the jumping worm, please retain a sample, or take a photo of the worm in question and note the location of the worm. To report the suspected jumping worm, members of the public should fill out the jumping worm survey and contact the department at [agcommissioner@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:agcommissioner@co.humboldt.ca.us) or call (707) 441-5260. **Detect the jumping worm**

The jumping worm can be distinguished from other earthworms by a milky-white band (the clitellum) wrapping all around and flush with its body near the head as well as its characteristic “jumping” when

disturbed. On European earthworms, the band is raised or saddle-shaped and reddish-brown in color and does not wrap entirely around the body.

In nurseries, the presence of jumping worms is likely to be found underneath pots sitting on the ground or on landscape fabric. In forests and gardens, they tend to be near the surface, just under accumulations of leaf litter or mulch. When the top layer of soil is scratched, these worms can be seen thrashing about with an erratic, snake-like movement. One sign of a possible infestation is a very uniform, granular soil created from worm castings. The texture of the soil is often compared to coffee grounds.

The Department of Agriculture is committed to preventing the spread of this invasive worm and will continue to work to educate and assist the public in identifying and managing the jumping worm as needed.

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